

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburg, Thursday, June 15, 1737.

From the Daily Journal, June 8.

Petersburg, May 20.

**T**HE Empress who had a violent Fever, died the 17th at 9 o'clock in the Evening of a Fit of the Apoplexy. The 18th at 5 in the Morning, the two Regiments of Horse and Foot Guards, were ranged in Arms before the Palace; afterwards the Czarowitz, accompanied by all the Princesses and Princes of the Imperial Family, and attended by all the Grand Officers, the Clergy, Synod and Senate, went into the Grand Hall, where was opened the Will of the late Empress; after which the Czarowitz, now our Emperor, received Homage from the Guards, giving the Officers his Hand to kiss, and the Cross to the Soldiers. This was followed by three Acclamations of, Long live the Emperor Peter II. This Ceremony being finished, his Majesty went to Church under a triple Discharge of the Cannon of the Fortress, the Admiralty and all the Ships in the River; and after divine Service, which lasted about an Hour, he conferred on Major General Munick, the Place of General of the Infantry, and appointed the Vice Admirals, Gordon, Siewers, and Imagewitz, Admirals. The Emperor went afterwards to the Council accompanied by the Duchess of Holstein, the Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Holstein, Prince Menzicoff, the Grand Admiral Conne Apraxin, the Grand Chancellor Count Goloskin, Prince Demetri Galitzin, and Vice-Chancellor baron Osterman. His Majesty placed himself on a Throne, under a Canopy, having the Princesses on one Side, and other Persons which he named on the other; and the Council being formed for the first Time, his Majesty caused again the Will of the late Empress to be read, with all its Explanations and Clauses; and the same was signed by his Majesty and all the Members of the Council, without any Opposition. At the Close of this Council, the Emperor sat down at Table, and was served by his Attendants on their Knees. The Princes and Princesses had the Honour to dine with his Majesty, as had also the Members of the Council, General Munich, Count Rabutin, Ambassador of the

Emperor of the Romans, and the other Foreign Ministers. The young Monarch who is extremely beloved by the Nation, gives very great Hopes of having all requisite Qualifications, being a great Lover of Sciences. The Chiefs of the Conspirators discovered before the Death of the Empress, for changing entirely the Government and Ministry, are the Count de Tolstoy, Minister of State, General Butterlia, Commander of the Regiments of Guards, General Laviere's Foreigner, and Brother in Law to Prince Menzicoff, Major General Pallarow, Young Prince Dholovski, and M. Alexander Uvariskin. Before the Empress's Death, they were all declared State Criminals, and condemned to be exiled either to their Country Estates or to Siberia, and some of them have been deprived of their Offices, Dignities and Estates.

Copenhagen, June 7. Mr. Perkin, Envoy Extraordinary of the Imperial Court, has taken his Leave in order to return to Vienna.

From the Evening Post, June 8.

Paris, June 6. The Editor of a Pamphlet, entitled, *The System of an English Physician upon the Cause of Malaria*, which was published last Year, being detected at the Report of some People, that he has imposed on them; hath at length determined, with Microscopes of a new Invention, That all the several Species of Distempers are caused by so many different Kinds of small Insects. 'Tis also said, that he is passing to the Press, the System of the same English Physician on the Cure of Distempers; which shews the various Kinds of Simplex, Minerals and Stones, that are Specifick Poisons for every Kind of those Insects, and by consequence, Specifick Remedies for all Sorts of Distempers. The Learned are impatient for its Publication, and the Curious go in Shoals to the Editor's Lodgings, to see th' Experiment of the Microscopes.

Salee, May 6. The Inhabitants of Fez have also submitted to the new King Muley Hamet, who has possessed himself of his Father's Treasures, &c. A younger Brother of his has been Proclaimed King at Tarudat, and owned in that Quality in the great

great City of Morocco, and other Places in the Province of Sus. So that each of these two Brothers will undoubtedly contend very obstinately for the whole Monarchy, and much Blood will be spilt before that Matter is decided.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, June 8.*

Hamburg, June 10. According to Letters from Petersburg, all necessary Preparations were made for the Interment of the late Empress: After which 'twas expected, the Marriage of the 2d Czarsina-Princess with the Bishop of Lubeck, would take place. This Marriage is very acceptable to the House of Holstein. We learn from Stockholm, That the Russian Ministers conferred the 27th past with the Imperial and other Foreign Ministers at the Royal Castle; whence 'twas presumed they had received new Instructions from their Courts, and would reside some Time longer at that of Sweden. 'Tis advised from Berlin, That the King of Prussia, who was still very busy mustering his Troops, had given Orders for the Court to go into Mourning for six Weeks, for the Death of the Empress of Russia.

Plymouth, June 4. The Anne, Capt. Henry Lovibond, is arrived here from St. Christopher's, and advises, That a Sloop was arrived at that Island from Curassaw, the Master whereof reported that Admiral Hosier was dead. But as we have News from Jamaica of the 1st of April, when there was no Account of it, this Report meets no Credit.

*From the Flying Post, June 8.*

Hague, June 12. Our Letters from Petersburg are full of Encomiums of their young Monarch: they have already discovered in Peter II. a strong Inclination to Learning, and all the Qualifications requisite to render him Great, and worthy of the Imperial Purple; not one of which we heard any thing of in Prince Alexowitz. The Ceremonial of his Inauguration is not yet over, which occasions a sort of Stagnation of Business: And 'tis thought no further Alteration will be declar'd at Court, till Matters are a little more settled.

We have abundance of Copies of the preliminary Articles for a Congress handed about here, and most of them different one from another; so that 'tis difficult to determine which is genuine; some have been published only to serve a Turn, and with a View to cast a Blemish on the Conduct of the Allies of Hanover, whom some of these Forgers

charge, with having made too large Concessions in order to carry their Point. But tho' these Articles have not yet been published by Authority; we are assured, that neither their High Mightinesses or any of their Allies have been obliged to Terms but such as are most consistent with the Honour of all, and the particular Interest of each concerned in the Hanover Alliance. And whatever was injurious to the contrary, must proceed from Ignorance, or what is worse.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, June 10.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.*

The Letters from the Camp before Gibraltar of the 17th past import, That the Besiegers continue to make a terrible Fire on the Town, and as to the Mine under the Battery of Queen Anne, the Sap was already advanced 12 Fathoms, and that it had been proposed by the Spanish General to advance the Trenches beyond the Marsh. Mean Time all the Efforts they can use, will not render their Undertaking successful; and how scandalous and ridiculous must it be then to insinuate, that that Place, which they are not able to take from us by Force of Arms, will be delivered to them by Treaty. We are assured by good Intelligence, that Gibraltar instead of being discussed, as was maliciously intent by the Paris Almain in the ensuing Congress, not the least Mention is to be made thereto of the Affair. 'Tis said Orders will be sent to Mr. Walpole at Paris, to complain of the Author of the Paris Gazette Almain.

We expect every Hour that the King of Spain has signed the Preliminary Articles proposed by the Allies of Hanover, he having according to Advice from Madrid, agreed to comply with what the Emperor shall think fit to do on that Subject.

The Prospect there is of having a general Peace established upon just and honourable Terms, causes very great Joy, particularly among the trading Party, there being now no room to fear that their Commodities and Manufactures will lie upon their Hands, or that we will lose a beneficial Trade to Spain and the Mediterranean.

The Squadron under Admiral Hosier is expected in a few Days from the West Indies. Mean time 'tis feared, that the Report we have of the Death of that brave and diligent Sea-Commander, will be confirmed. The Account we have thereof is by a

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Ship arrived at Plymouth from St. Christopher's in 28 Days, who says, that the News thereof came thither by a Ship from Corassaw.

Sir Charles Wager does continue still with his Squadron cruising before Cadix. What Privateers he may have taken is not yet said, but upon his first Arrival before that Harbour, the Spanish Men of War there under Admiral Castagnetta, lurked behind the Puntals for their Security.

They write from Copenhagen of the 10th past, N. S. That notwithstanding the Death of the Empress of Russia, (whose Corpse was interred the 27th past in the Church of the Holy Trinity at Petersborg) the combin'd Fleet will speedily sail thence for the Coasts of Riga and Revel.

They write from Hanover, That the King of Prussia is to have another Interview with his Britannick Majesty.

The 17th Inst. died at the Hague Mr. Hornbeck, Grand Pensioner, Keeper of the Broad Seal, and Stadholder of Holland and W. Friesland, after 4 Weeks Sickness. He enjoyed the Place of Pensioner 7 Years with great Reputation.

The Court of Aldermen has under Examination not only the Affair of Fisher and Johnston, who escaped out of Newgate, but that relating to the barbarous Usage which Mr. Whitworth, a Freeman of London, met with from the Under-keeper and Turnkey of Ludgate, for which he recovered, as we mentioned, 400 l. Damages.

This Afternoon the Quaker, whose Difference with his Brethren has occasioned so much Disturbance, was committed by the Lord Mayor to the Poultry Counter for opposing a Peace Officer. His Lordship offered to take Security or his own Promise not to hold forth in his Meeting House Tomorrow; but he laid the Spirit within him was not to be quelled by Men.

No Express is come as yet as we can learn of the King of Spain's having signed the 8 Preliminary Articles.

*From Miss's Weekly Journal, June 10.*

London, June 10. A Report is spread, that the King of Spain has signed the Preliminaries; that the Siege of Gibraltar is raised, and that his Catholic Majesty was so ill, as to cause a Rumour of his Death; for the original of which conjectural and extraordinary Intelligence, we must refer to Change Alley, where Wagers are on the other

Hand laid that Gibraltar is taken.

Some Printers and Publishers have been examined at the Secretary Office, about the Preliminary Articles inserted in their Papers.

*From the Evening Post, June 10.*

Bonano Islands, on the Coast of Africa, April 11. Captain Thomas Newton from Barbadoes, hath been taken at Sierra Leone, by a French Ship of 14 Guns and 80 Men. They took from her her Carriage and Swivel-guns, with best part of her Cargo and dry Goods.

Vienna, June 5. The Court has received Advice of the Death of the Czarina, and the Accession of the young Czarewitz to the Throne. 'Tis hoped this will not occasion any Alteration in the Plan that has been formed between the two Courts. A Courier has been dispatched to Mr. Dierling, our Minister at Constantinople, with Orders to declare to the Porte, That the Emperor has consented to the holding of a Congress, in order to restore Tranquillity in Europe.

Amsterdam, June 16. 'Tis confirmed from Petersburgh, That the Design of the Prisoners of State was to set the young Czarewitz upon the Throne. That Prince has augmented the Pensions of the D. of Holstein and the Princess Prossavia. Orders are sent to Revel, for sending to Cronslot the Men of War that are ready, but to put a Stop to the Equipping of any more.

London, June 10. The Squadron of Men of War commanded by Admiral Morris, that convoyed his Majesty over into Holland, landed him last Tuesday Morning, are returned, and come to Anchor on Thursday in the Afternoon at the Nore.

The John, Capt. Hanken, is taken by a Spanish Privateer, several Coasters taken, and some Fishing Vessels destroyed by another in Bristol Channel.

S. S. Stock, 113, 14th.

*From the Whitehall Evening-post, June 10.*

Aranjuez, May 26. The 21st was dispatched to the Pope's Nuncio at Paris, the King's Answer to the eight Preliminary Articles for a Congress, and report runs, that by the said Answer, his Majesty agrees to what the Emperor shall think convenient to do on this Subject.

Amsterdam, June 16. A Ship arrived from Surinam in the Texel, met 8 Spanish Men of War in



the Channel in 47 Degrees, where they were cruising.

*Malaga, May 27. N. S.* One of our Privatters has taken an English two Mast Vessel, from Certe, laden with Wine, Oil, Brandy, and Soap; but she is not yet brought in, the Wind being contrary.

*From the Camp before Gibraltar, May --.*

On the 14th, the Duke of Wharton exposed himself on a Battery in sight of the Besieged, and to insult them, cried out several Times aloud, *Long live King James III.* but was soon interrupted and obliged to retire, by means of a small Shell thrown from the Garrison's Works, which struck him so hard on the Foot, as soon obliged him to fall off the Battery with Precipitation.

*Edinburgh, June 15.* Tother Day a young Woman in Leith was apprehended for the Murder of her Babe.

Two or 3 Companies of Major General Grove's Regiment, are march'd hence for Glasgow, in the room of the Companies of the Welsh Fuzileers who were quartered there, and now gone thence for England.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

\* \* \* There is a FARM, with good and convenient Housing, and a large Malt-barn and Kiln, a little above the Town of Kirklistoun, of Ten Chalder Rent; To be sette, the Entry at Martinmass next. The Factor is to be spoke with at Niddry Castle.

\* \* \* There are some HOUSES and YARDS belonging to the Creditors of the deceast Mrs. Gordon, and Francis Gordon her Son, lying in the East-side of the Pleasants, to be Roused and Sold by Mr. Andrew Barclay Writer in Edinburgh, and Patrick Middleton Residenter there, Trustees for laid's Creditors, at John's Coffee-house Edinburgh, on the Twenty-second Day of June Inst. The Progrès, with the Conditions of Roup, are to be seen with said Patrick Middleton, on each Monday and Tuesday, betwixt 9 & 12 in the Forenoon.

\* \* \* That WILLIAM DEAN, Silk-dyer and Linen-Printer in the Canongate, Edinburgh, has a considerable Quantity of privated Linens ready for Sale; where Merch-

ants may be furnished very reasonably; And that Merchants and others may have any Quantity of Linen printed by the said DEAN, conform to former Advertisements and his Pattern books which are to be seen at the Post offices of all or most of the principal Towns in the Kingdom.

\* \* \* Whereas the General Meeting of the Adventurers in the Fishing Copartnery, is to be held in the Parliament House, on Tuesday the 27th of June instant, at three o'clock Afternoon: Therefore the Managers, in order to be able to finish their Report, have agreed to expose again the Copartnery's Lands of Peterhead and Stonehaven, to Roup in the Burrow Room on Tuesday the 20th Inst. betwixt the Hours of three and four Afternoon.

\* \* \* That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held the 2d past, did unanimously agree to raise a Sixth Part of their Capital Stock; and did order the same to be paid in to their Treasurer on or before THIS 15th of June Inst. With Certificatio[n] of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament establish[ing] the Bank.

\* \* \* The Lands of GOGAR, lying in the Shire of Clackmannan and Parish of Alloa, are design'd to be sold by a voluntary Roup, on FRIDAY the last Day of June current. There is a well-contriv'd House, having 16 Fire-rooms, Closets, &c. included, with a large Stable, Granary and other Office-houses, commodiously situate from the House, as the Gardens, and all the Places of Inclosures and Planting are; with a Dovecoat, a Parterre, well-furnished with Variety of Evergreens; From which lies a Belvedere of Beech and all other barren Planting, with Vistas terminating on some of the finest Seats on the River of Forth, such as Hender, Clackmannan, Airth, Elphington, Torwood-head and Alloa. The Ground lies almost in the Form of a Semicircle, all arable or planted, to the Extent of 277 Acres, (the House standing near the Centre) a good deal of it already inclosed, and the Whole may be so at a very easy Expence, there being one of the best Bree-stone Quarries in all the Country, on the East-part, which wants chiefly to be brought in. There is Clay to be had in several Places whereof good Brick has been already made, and the Clay, at hand to be burnt for Manure: Also Limestone to be had from Alloa very cheap. The Ground is almost surrounded with Coal works, within less than half a Mile, or a Mile of it. The Land has been for a great many Years neglected, by occasional Incumbrances, and chiefly for want of Money to lay out on it; which may be done to evident Advantage, and the present Value doubled, by due Industry. Further Information about this Affair, may be had from Mr. James Maceman, Bookseller over-against the Cross, or from Mr. William Verch, at his Writing-chamber in Edinburgh.

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